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SCOTT E HILL

VS. VERIZON WIRELESS LLC

LINE DATE ACTION

1 03/23/20 COMPLAINT; MEMO; SUMMONS ID TO VERIZON WIRELESS LLC C/O CT

2 CORPORATION SYSTEM; RECEIPT

3 04/06/20 SOS ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE ID TO VERIZON WIRELESS (VAW)LLC ON

4 SERVICE DATE 03/27/2020;



Service of Process Transmittal

04/03/2020

CT Log Number 537488304

TO: Angela Aizawa

Verizon Communications Inc. 1 Verizon Way

Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-1097

RE: Process Served in West Virginia

FOR: Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC (Domestic State: DE)

#### ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION: SCOTT E. HILL, PLTF. vs. VERIZON WIRELESS, LLC, DFT.

Name discrepancy noted.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

COURT/AGENCY: None Specified

Case # 20C70

NATURE OF ACTION:

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED: C T Corporation System, Charleston, WV

**DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:** By Certified Mail on 04/03/2020 postmarked on 03/30/2020

JURISDICTION SERVED: West Virginia

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S): None Specified

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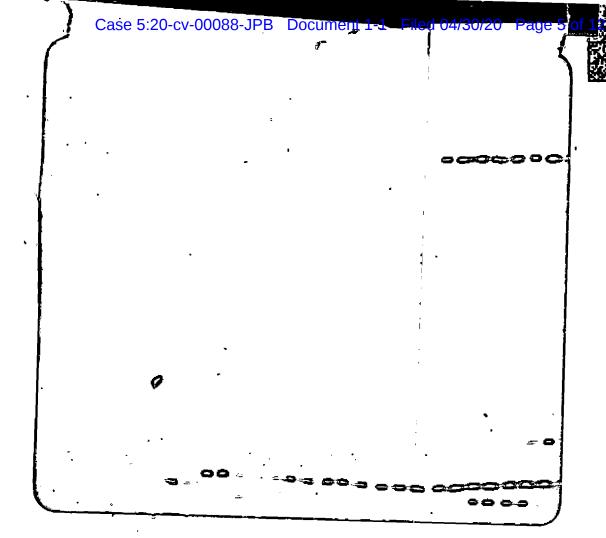
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Defendant: VERIZON WIRELESS (VAW) LLC

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Agent: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM

County: Ohio

Civil Action: 20-C-70

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Service Date: 3/27/2020

I am enclosing:

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Mac Warner

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Please note that this office has no connection whatsoever with the enclosed documents other than to accept service of process in the name and on behalf of your corporation as your attorney-in-fact. Please address any questions about this document directly to the court or the plaintiff's attorney, shown in the enclosed paper, not to the Secretary of State's office.

Sincerely,

Mac Warner Secretary of State

## SUMMONS

CIRCUIT COURT OF OHIO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

SCOTT E. HILL

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 20-C-70 JUDGE: DAVID J. SIMS

VERIZON WIRELESS LLC. c/o CT CORPORATION SYSTEM DEFENDANT

To the above named Defendant:

and required to serve upon JASON CAUSEY, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is, BORDAS & BORDAS, PLLC, 1358 NATIONAL ROAD, WHEELING, WV 26003 an answer including any related counterclaim you may have to the complaint filed against you in the above civil action, a true copy of which is herewith delivered to you. You are required to serve your answer within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint and you will be thereafter barred from asserting in another action any claim you may have which must be asserted by counterclaim in the above style civil action.

Dated: March 23, 2020

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OHIO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

SCOTT E. HILL,

Plaintiff.

VS.

Case No. 20-C- 70

VERIZON WIRELESS, LLC,

Judge Sims

Defendant.

#### **COMPLAINT**

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, Scott Hill, who for his Complaint against the Defendant.

Verizon Wireless, LLC, alleges as follows:

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This action for damages is based on the Fair Credit Reporting Act regarding an alleged consumer debt that has been falsely reported to the credit reporting agencies as no such debt belongs to the Plaintiff.

#### **PARTIES**

- 2. Plaintiff Scott Hill is a natural person and resident of West Virginia.
- 3. Verizon Wireless, LLC ("Verizon") is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware and service can be affected on its agent for service of process, CT Corporation System, 1627 Quarrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25311-2124.

#### **FACTS**

- 4. Plaintiff, Scott E. Hill, is a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(c).
- 5. Plaintiff does not have a contract with and did not obtain service from Verizon Wireless, Inc. In 2018, Plaintiff obtained a quote for service from Verizon Wireless but no



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contract nor service was established. Instead, Plaintiff obtained service from another wireless carrier.

- 6. For reasons unknown to the Plaintiff, Defendant Verizon Wireless, reported the. Plaintiff as delinquent on an account (no. 04890595550xxxx) that he did not establish and, eventually, turned the account over to debt collectors for collection.
- As a result, Scott Hill has suffered adverse credit decisions, including being declined for a mortgage loan.
- 8. On or about March 22, 2019, Plaintiff obtained a three-credit agency, Merged Infile Credit Report from Gateway Mortgage Group, LLC when it declined him for a mortgage loan and informed him of the adverse Verizon Wireless account.
- 9. Plaintiff contacted Verizon Wireless by telephone through multiple calls, but despite informing Verizon Wireless of the inaccurate reporting it did not remove the false reporting or withdraw the account.
- 10. By reports dated March 22, 2019, June 14, 2019 and September 17, 2019, Mr. Hill obtained a copy of his credit profile from Experian. The reports included an adverse Verizon Wireless account that was furnished by Defendant Verizon. This account has a partial account number 4890595550 (the "subject account"), which again does not in fact belong to the Plaintiff, Scott Hill. The subject account was reported as a "collection account" and "past due." For example, the June 14, 2019 report states "[c]ollection account. \$178 past due as of May 2019. This account is scheduled to continue on record until November 2024."
- 11. By reports dated March 22, 2019 and September 17, 2019, Mr. Hill obtained a copy of his credit profile from Equifax. The reports included an adverse Verizon account that was



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furnished by Defendant Verizon. The subject account was reported as a "collection account" and "past due."

- By report dated March 22, 2019, Mr. Hill obtained a copy of his credit profile from , Transunion. The report includes an adverse Verizon account that was furnished by Defendant Verizon. The subject account is coded as a collection account and past due.
- 13. By written correspondence dated September 11, 2019, Plaintiff Scott Hill filed a written dispute with Experian.
- 14. By written correspondence dated September 22, 2019, Plaintiff Scott Hill filed written disputes with Equifax and Transunion.
- Defendant received notification of Plaintiff's dispute from Experian and verified its 15. reporting as accurate, as reflected in Experian's Dispute Results dated October 4, 2019.
- Defendant received notification of Plaintiff's dispute from Transunion and verified its reporting as accurate, as reflected in Transunion's Investigation Results dated October 31, 2019.
- Upon information and belief. Defendant received notification of Plaintiff's dispute from Equifax and verified its reporting as accurate.
- 18. Verizon Wireless failed to conduct lawful investigations upon receiving the above described dispute notices and, upon information and belief, unlawfully and wrongfully verified the debt as accurate on multiple occasions.
- 19. By letters dated November 11, 2019 and February 12, 2020 from third-party debt collector ERC. Defendant attempted to collect the debt or account balance that was not fairly due and owing from Plaintiff.



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21. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendant's acts and omissions, the Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer actual damages, including, without limitation, credit denials, adverse credit decisions, missed credit opportunities, damage to his reputation, annoyance, aggravation, inconvenience, humiliation, embarrassment and emotional distress.

#### COUNT I

#### Violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)

- 22. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as though fully stated herein.
- 23. Defendant Verizon Wireless willfully and/or negligently violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b) by failing to conduct reasonable investigations upon receiving notice of Plaintiff's disputes, and/or by failing to appropriately report the results of its investigations, and/or by failing to appropriately modify, delete, and/or block the information.
- 24. As a result of Verizon Wireless' violations of § 1681s-2(b), Plaintiff has suffered actual damages as further described herein. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to recover actual and/or statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681n and/or 1681o.
- 25. Verizon Wireless' actions and omissions were willful, rendering it liable for punitive damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.
- 26. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Defendant Verizon Wireless pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681n and/or 1681o.



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One Gateway Center 420 Ft. Duquesne Blvd. Suite 1800 Pittsburgh, PA 15222 t 412-502-5000 f 412-708-6343 WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court enter judgment against the Defendant for all damages and penalties alleged herein, together with pre and post judgment interest, attorney fees, and any other legal or equitable relief the court deems just and proper.

#### A TRIAL BY JURY IS DEMANDED ON ALL ISSUES

Respectfully Submitted,

, N. Y.

SCOTT E. HILL

By:

JASON E. CAUSEY #9482 BORDAS & BORDAS, PLLC 1338 National Road

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